

**CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL OF DRIVER TRAINING PROGRAMS
AND INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS**

Environment Article, Section 7-249, Annotated Code of Maryland requires that each Controlled Hazardous Substances (CHS) vehicle operator shall obtain a driver certificate from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), Waste Management Administration. According to the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 26.13.04, in order to obtain a driver certification, the CHS vehicle operator shall: "Submit evidence of satisfactory completion of an approved training program." The following criteria have been established as the minimum requirements for a program to be approved.

- () 1. The program shall provide a thorough understanding of the hazardous waste manifest. Emphasis should be placed on the ability to verify proper Department of Transportation (DOT) shipping names, hazard class and EPA waste codes. Special attention should be directed to the Maryland Hazardous Waste Manifest, other Maryland manifest requirements and the proper disbursement of manifest copies.
- () 2. The required labeling and marking of all containers of 110 gallons or less should be explained so that any CHS vehicle operator is able to verify the proper markings (i.e. generator name and address).
- () 3. The program shall ensure that all drivers of vehicles transporting hazardous waste be able to appropriately placard their truck according to DOT regulations under COMAR 11.16.01 and 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 172 Subpart F.
- () 4. The program shall ensure that drivers are qualified under the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) regulations. Drivers need to understand the safety regulations and be able to properly maintain the driver's daily log as described in the FMSCA regulations.
- () 5. Drivers shall be trained in emergency procedures to follow in case of an accident or spill. Drivers shall be aware of the proper Maryland and local authorities to contact.
- () 6. Maryland's hazardous waste regulations and law (Disposal of CHS - COMAR 26.13.04 specifically "Standards Applicable to Transporters of Hazardous Waste", and Environment Article, Section 7-249 through 7-253, Annotated Code of Maryland should be acknowledged.
- () 7. COMAR 26.13.04.01 F(5) states: "Instructors conducting an approved training program shall, at a minimum, have successfully completed an approved instruction training program, or have five years experience in the trucking industry with at least a two years involvement in safe driving activities or training."